

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

I am requesting funding for the Greater Third Ward Community Development & Workforce Initiative in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Houston, located at 4302 University Dr, Houston, TX 77204-2039.

The funding would be used for

1. Provide a funding level of **\$3,000,000** for **UH Workforce Training Program in Health Coaching** as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is University of Houston located at 4302 University Dr, Houston, TX 77204-2039. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the demand for Health Coaches has grown exponentially and the industry is set to double its growth in the next few years, increasing employment opportunities for current students and existing healthcare professionals;
2. Provide a funding level of **\$5,000,000** for **Greater Third Ward Neighborhood Improvement Project, Phase 2** as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is OST-Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority located at 5445 Almeda Road, Suite 545, Houston Tx. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Greater Third Ward Neighborhood Project by the OST/Almeda Corridors Redevelopment Authority (TIRZ 7) entails the complete reconstruction of the roadway and back-of-curb for 11 roads and the reconstruction of the back-of-curb of 5 additional roads in the northern Third Ward within the City of Houston

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this initiative will provide workforce training that will strengthen the employability of current UH students, and

provide pathways to new and greater career options for existing professionals. Further, it will diversify its relevant workforce and make Houston an even stronger hub of opportunity and economic strength. In addition, the Center will make mobility improvements that will improve access and safety including sidewalks and bike storage amongst other improvements.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by **42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and/or 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4)**.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.”

Sincerely,

Sheila Jackson Lee  
Member of Congress